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<div style="text-align: center;">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</div> <div style="text-align: center;">MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</div> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995</p>	Application Number		09/369,424
	Confirmation Number		6768
	Filing Date		August 6, 1999
	First Named Inventor		Toru FUJITA
	Group Art Unit		2624
	Examiner Name		Stephen M. Brinich
	Matter Number		Q55331
Title		IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD USING THE SAME	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on April 9, 2004
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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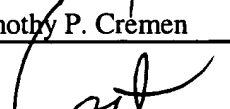
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Name Timothy P. Cremen Registration No. 50,855

Signature  Date June 9, 2004

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